

**REMARKS**

We acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 28-35 are allowed and that claims 1 and 15-32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the statement of reasons for the indication of patentability, the Examiner said that with respect to claim 11, "the primary reason for allowance of the claims is the recitation of a two-dimensional array of dielectric-filled cavities." And with respect to claims 15-22, "the primary reason for allowance of the claims is the inclusion of a prism coupler located against the first side of the dielectric core for coupling an optical input beam in dielectric core."

Thus, we have added to claim 1 the limitation that was introduced by claim 11 (i.e., the two-dimensional array of dielectric-filled cavities) and we have added the limitations of claim 1 to claim 15.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and therefore asks the Examiner to allow them to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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